



MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SPC MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 January 2019

ATTENDANCE:

SPC Members:

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson; Cllr Kieran Binchy; Cllr Mannix Flynn; Cllr Paul Hand; Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones; Cllr Frank Kennedy; Cllr Paddy McCartan; Cllr Ray McHugh; Cllr Ciarán O'Moore; Cllr Paddy Smyth; Ms Fiona Kelty, NCBI; Mr Frank Mulligan, IRHA; Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin Town; Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association; Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Mr Barry Aldworth, AA Ireland Ltd.

Dublin City Council Staff:

Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive; Mr Brendan O'Brien, Acting Executive Manager (Traffic); Mr Brian McManus, Head of Traffic, Noise and Air Quality Unit; Ms. Patricia Reidy, Acting Senior Engineer; Mr Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer; Mr Andy Walsh, Senior Engineer; Mr Clive Ahern, Administrative Officer; Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer; Ms Karen Kennedy, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms Maggie O'Donnell, Senior Executive ITS Officer; Derek Dixon, Project Engineer.

Ms Esther Hickey, Administrative Officer; Ms Mary Boyle, a/Senior Staff Officer; Mr Michael Mann, Staff Officer; Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer.

National Transport Authority: Ms Anne Graham, CEO and Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation, Deputy Chief Executive.

Item No.

- 1 Minutes of meeting held on 14th November, 2018

Minutes agreed

- 2 Letter dated 21st November, 2018, to Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport and copy of Minister's reply dated 15th January, 2019, regarding bicycle couriers

Letter and reply noted.

- 3 BusConnects - update by the National Transport Authority

Anne Graham, CEO, National Transport Authority gave a presentation on BusConnects Dublin, a programme of projects to make the bus system better, faster, more reliable and more useful to more people. Ms. Graham detailed the core bus corridors that are currently out for public consultation.

A copy of the presentation is attached and all details of the project are available at www.busconnects.ie.

Ms. Graham and Mr. Hugh Creegan replied to Members requests for more clarity on a range of issues including bus stop locations and design, cycle hubs and considerations for pedestrians and cyclists at junctions. Mr. Creegan stated that this is the first stage of the project said that much of the design work is still to come. He said the aim at the moment is to get agreement for the broad concept and make sure the project is space proofed. He also said that the feedback from the public consultation will inform the next stage of the project.

In response to Members concerns over the effect of some aspects of the project on the private citizens, Ms. Graham said we do not have endless choices so there is a need to rebalance the road space in some locations to move forward and make the bus system more effective.

The Chairperson, Cllr Ciarán Cuffe called for multidisciplinary team be used for the design element of the project and stressed the importance of public engagement and using all communication channels available.

Presentation noted.

4 College Green Plaza - verbal update

Mr. Brendan O'Brien updated the Members as follows:

- An application for a judicial review of the An Bord Pleanála decision by a third party is scheduled for a hearing in the High Court on 31st January, 2019.
- Dublin City Council intend to bring forward a new application for College Green.
- Dublin City Council will work with the National Transport Authority on the BusConnects network design for the College Green area.
- The Transportation Department and Events Section of Dublin City Council are looking at the possibility of hosting summer events (July and August) in College Green in 2019, closing the area of to traffic on Sundays from 7am to 7pm.
- A trial pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street will commence on 2nd February, 2019 for 6 weeks following consultation with local businesses.

Members voiced their support for both Suffolk Street and College Green trials.

Noted.

5 Metro Link - verbal update

Mr Brendan O'Brien informed the Committee that Metrolink are;

- Currently working through the submissions resulting from the recent non statutory public consultation.
- A published revision of the Metrolink proposal will not be available for some months.
- And Dublin City Council will be proceeding with survey work on project impacts.

Noted.

6 Liffey Cycle Route - verbal update

Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that Dublin City Council are awaiting a report from the National Transport Authority on the review of the options for the Liffey Cycle Route.

Some Members voiced concern over the delay in receiving the report from the NTA.

Noted.

7 Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan, 2018 to 2023 - update following public consultation

Mr. Brian McManus, Head of Traffic, Noise and Air Quality Unit, presented the report to the Committee for noting.

Report noted.

8 Proposed Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2019 - report and draft Bye-Laws attached

Mr Dermot Stevenson outlined the changes to the Parking Control Bye-Laws as listed in the report and answered Committee Member's questions.

It was agreed to refer the Draft Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2019 to the City Council for approval to initiate the public consultation process.

9 Proposed Bridges in Docklands Area - verbal update

In her presentation to the Committee Ms. Karen Kennedy, Senior Executive Engineer gave the following updates:

- Dodder Public Transport Bridge; the alignment is agreed and the EIAR is being prepared. Planning application will be submitted in 2019.
- Blood Stoney Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge; An Bord Pleanála refused permission to amend bridge locations. A judicial review hearing date to be set at the end of February.
- Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge; Feasibility Study recommended a new bridge rather than widening Tom Clarke Bridge. Dublin City Council to tender for a design consultant early in 2019.
- Spencer Dock Pedestrian Cycling Bridges: Part 8 approved and tender documents being finalised for a contractor.

Noted.

10 Increasing green and amber phases on pedestrian signals by one second

Mr. O'Brien outlined the details contained in the report and highlighted to the members that the safety time for crossing does not depend on the green time but in fact the amber time. He gave details of a proposal to change the amber timing from 1.2 metres per second to 1 metre per second and the effects this change would bring.

Members welcomed the proposal.

Report noted.

11 Velo City Dublin 2019 - verbal update

Mr. Clive Ahern informed the Committee that 650 abstracts have been received from people wishing to present at the Velo City 2019 Conference. He said work is ongoing in development of the programme and a draft programme is available to view online at www.velo-city2019.com/conference-programme.

Noted.

12 Public Realm Strategy Implementation Update

Ms. Siobhan Maher outlined the active projects and informed the Members that Temple Bar Square, the Liffey Street Upper and Lower Project and Wolfe Tone Square Plaza are due to go to construction tender shortly. The Group continue to advance the delivery of the City Centre Masterplan projects and noted that 17 of the 21 projects are now commenced.

In response to Members questions Ms. Maher informed the Committee that the Public Realm are available to advise all Dublin City projects including Bus Connects.

Report noted.

13 Minutes of Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee meeting held on 27th September, 2018

Minutes noted.

14 Motion in the name of Councillor Patrick Costello (deferred from meeting of 14th November, 2018): "That this committee agrees to amend Dublin City Council street nameplate policy so that where a street is named in honour of someone a secondary sign of similar design is provided which gives a brief one sentence description and their dates of birth and death are included. This is standard practice in other cities, such as Paris for example, and will ensure the knowledge of the person honoured is carried on along with their name."

Motion deferred.

15 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán Cuffe. "That all five and six day operation bike lanes be changed to seven day operation"

Motion agreed.

Councillor Ciarán Cuffe

Chairperson

Wednesday 30 January 2019